105 of the people and to their having early acquired
181 a high degree of civilization. The Finn has always wanted to think for himself, and the dominant note in Finnish society has always been liberty--slavery and serfdom have never existed
157 there. The Finn is decidedly individualistic,
[156] cherishing his traditional rights, but he has a reverence for his governmental and judicial systems in which he himself is an active party. He is not easily led astray by revolutionary doctrines, and seldom has he risen against the prevailing authority.

The Finn is not actually conservative--the modern character of present-day Finnish society and culture bears ample testimony to this--but he is suspicious of outside influence. Towards foreigners he is very hospitable--